

Computerisation of Banks in Delhi and Mumbai

*28. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the branches of nationalised banks in Delhi and Mumbai are not fully computerised;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) what are the details of branches which are yet to be computerised in Delhi and Mumbai; and

(d) what are the plans of the banks to fully computerise these branches in a certain time-frame?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) and (b) According to the information available as on 31st March, 2000, out of 1988 branches of nationalised banks in Delhi and Mumbai, 1052 branches are fully computerised and 758 branches are partially computerised.

(c) 178 branches of nationalised banks are yet to be computerised in Delhi and Mumbai.

(d) Computerisation in banks is a continuous process and being implemented depending on necessity, viability and feasibility. The nationalised banks have taken action to cover 70% of their total business through full computerisation before 1st January, 2001.

Selling of Fake Postal Stamps

+*29. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the use of fake postal stamps is on the rise in the country;

(b) if so, whether government have identified the sellers of fake stamps so far;

(c) if so, the number of persons from whom the stamps have been seized together with the break-up of the stamps seized and the places from where the same have been seized;

(d) whether government have taken any action against those persons;

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(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN):

(a) to (f) In the last two years only 16 cases were reported on fake stamps in the country from different Postal Circles and immediate actions were taken in this regard. All these cases were reported to the police/CBI and the Police authorities have arrested 32 persons involved in these cases—19 outsiders and 13 departmental officials. All the arrested officials have been suspended. While the Police/CBI investigations in these cases are in progress, the Department has simultaneously initiated action and identified 9 more officials for their involvement. Thus, out of 22 officials action has been initiated against 10 officials. In the case of remaining 12 officials, on account of Police inquiries being in progress, departmental action could not be initiated. The department has also issued detailed instructions to all Heads of Circles to further tighten up vigilance against use of fake stamps.

Details regarding fake stamps detected/seized, number of persons involved and the number of persons arrested are given in the enclosed statement (See below) including the names of the post offices involved in these cases.

Statement

Sl	Name of circle	Place	Date of detection	Details of fake stamps detected/seized.			No. of persons involved		No. of persons arrested			
				Denm	No.	Value	Dept.	E D	Out-Dept	Out-Total	sider	
1.	Assam	Naharbari P O	April, 99	5	13	6.5	1	—	1	1	1	2
				1	8	8						
2.	Delhi	NDRS TMO Janakpuri & DES col. PO	Feb., 99 Jan., 2000	10 10	3 13	3.0 15.0	3	2	-	-	-	-
3.	W Bengal	Calcutta GPO	Dec., 99	50	15	75.0	4	-	5	4	5	9
4.	Rajasthan	Jaipur	Jan 99	2	894	1788	2	2	3	4	3	7
				1	3811	3811						

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5.	Bihar	Ashok Nagar (Ranchi)	Mar. 99	5	7	35	1	-	-	-	-
		Borh (Nalanda)	Sep. 99	2	41	82	1	-	-	-	-
		Jamulpur	Oct. 99	2	12	24					
		Palna	March 99	5	198	990					
		Palna	March 99	5	12	60					
		Bankipori HO	March 99	2							
6	Maharashtra	Aurangabad Thane	June 99	20	2	40	1	-	-	1	1
		(Mumbai)	Nov 99	1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 50, & 1 Rev.	30, 48, 530	1			7	1	7 8
7	U P.	Noida & Meerut	May 2000	1, 2, NA 3, 5, 10	32, 100	--	--	3	--	3	3
		Tetri Bazar Basti	July 2000	5	86	430	2			2	2
8	N E	Dimapur	Sep. 99	5	72	360	2	--	--	--	--
Total					3,30,89,253	18	4	19	13	19	32

Erosion caused by Ganga in Malda and Murshidabad in West Bengal

*30. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether in compliance of the direction of Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta, a joint meeting between the representatives of Government of India and the Government of West Bengal was held on 21.3.99 on the erosion problem by Ganga in Malda and Murshidabad in West Bengal;

(b) whether as per the decision taken in the same meeting, Government was required to execute seven schemes costing Rs. 1.30 crores; and

(c) if so, the present status of the execution of the above schemes?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI ARJUN SETHI): (a) to (c) In compliance of the Hon'ble High Court of Calcutta, a joint meeting between the representatives of Government of India and the Government of West Bengal